

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and it would be a astounding failure of your oversight function if you allow this to go forward.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Your job is to make sure that they do this. Using prime-time network stations as mouthpieces for political propoganda is a gross violation of public trust.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.

Yours,

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